

INFORMATION REPORT

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1. In June 1953 the offices of the Hampuk Ilpo (Hampuk Daily News),¹ a newspaper run by the North Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, were at EB-676256 in Ch'ongjin, in a building 20 meters long, 4 meters wide, and 3 meters high, which had a tile roof and mud walls. Ten meters west of this building was an empty three-story building, formerly occupied by a radio station. At the foot of a mountain at the rear of the newspaper office were two entrances to an air raid tunnel, four meters apart.
2. The office building was partitioned into rooms for the editor-in-chief, the chief of the editorial section, reporters, proofreaders, and the business staff. The printing plant which was four meters inside the tunnel was 10 meters long, 4 meters wide, and 2.5 meters high, with wooden walls. Prior to 25 June 1950 the plant had a rotary press, but this was shipped to Manchuria, and in June 1953 five non-rotary presses were in use.
3. Employees of the newspaper included the following:
 - a. HYŎN Tong-kil (3763/2629/0679), aged 40, chief editor. HYŎN, a native of Kyongsong (N 41-40, E 129-40) (EB-5513) in North Hamgyong Province and a middle school graduate, was a talented writer and a zealous Korean Labor Party (KLP) member. He had been a reporter for a newspaper in Manchuria during the Japanese occupation.
 - b. KIM Wŏn-chun (6855/0337/0193), aged 35, chief of the editorial section. A native of Myongch'on-gun in North Hamgyong Province, KIM had previously worked in Manchuria as a reporter and was an enthusiastic KLP member.
 - c. KIM Tŏk-yŏl (6855/1795/3525), aged 30, a reporter, and a native of Ch'ŏngjin. KIM had been expelled from the KLP, but kept his job with the newspaper because of his talent for writing articles concerning production.

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- d. HWANG Nae-hak (7806/1698/7729), aged 35, a reporter covering party and social organizations. He was a native of Ch'ongjin, and was a zealous KLP member.
 - e. CHANG Chin (1728/7201), aged 35, a reporter on farm problems. Originally from Manchuria, CHANG was a ruthless KLP member and a known informer.
 - f. KIM Chong-kuk (6855/6988/2817), aged 35, correspondent for the Central Democratic Daily News (sic). He was a native of Myongch'on-gun in North Hamgyong Province, and was a member of the KLP.
 - g. Five reporters in addition to those mentioned above.
 - h. CHO In-hyong (6392/0088/0077), chief of the proofreading section. CHO, who was a native of Kyongsong-gun in North Hamgyong Province, had passed a government examination by self-education, during the Japanese occupation. He was a poet and a loyal KLP member. There were five men in his section.
 - i. Approximately 15 employees in the business department, including accountants.
 - j. Approximately 40 men in the printing section.
- 4. A reporter for the paper was required to write a minimum of two articles daily, each containing at least 350 words. Prior to publication the articles were sent to the propaganda section of the Provincial People's Committee where they were checked by the inspector of material to be published.
 - 5. Approximately 15,000 copies of the newspaper were published daily. These were mailed to various organizations and offices, and to each village People's Committee. No copies were sold to individuals. Newsprint for the paper came from the Sinuiju area.
 - 6. In addition to their regular salary, the chief editor and the reporters received extra pay, commensurate with the number of articles they wrote.
- 1. Comment. According to available information, the name of the newspaper of the North Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee was the Hampuk Inmin Po (0752/0554/0086/3046/1032) (Hampuk People's Paper).

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